

Grand Junction, Colorado
December 4, 1957

The City Council of the City of Grand Junction met in regular session at 7:30 P. M. Councilmen answering roll call were Shults, Harper, Colescott and Strnad. Councilmen Wright, Orr and President Emerson were absent at roll call. Also present were City Attorney Ashby and City Clerk Tomlinson. City Manager Cheever was absent.

It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Strnad that Councilman Harper act as President Pro Tem in the absence of President Emerson. Motion was carried, and Councilman Harper took the chair.

It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Strnad that the minutes of the regular meeting held November 20th be approved as written. Motion carried.

8 BALL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER. This was the date set for hearing on the application of R. J. Coates and Ambrose McCoy to move their retail liquor store license for the Eight Ball Drive In Liquor Store from 326 South Second Street to 240 South Fifth Street. It was moved by Councilman Strnad and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the application be approved and that the Eight Ball Drive In Liquor Store be granted permission to move from 326 South Second Street to 240 South Fifth Street. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT EMERSON arrived at this time and presided at the meeting.

COUNCILMAN WRIGHT also arrived at the meeting at this time.

CITY LIQUOR STORE -- LICENSE GRANTED. This was the date set for hearing on the application of Harold D. and Edith J. Jones for a retail liquor store license for the City Liquor Store at 901 No. 1st Street which they are purchasing from H. C. Post, Jr. It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Strnad that this application be approved and license granted when they have received their State license. Motion carried.

BEYE--LOTZ POST #1247, VFW LIQUOR APPL. Beye-Lotz Post #1247, V.F.W., filed an application for a Club liquor license for 1404 Ute Avenue. It was moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Wright that this application be advertised for hearing on January 2nd, 1958, the first regular meeting of the City Council for 1958. Motion carried.

JAS. PANTUSO APPL. FOR LIQUOR LIC. Mr. James Pantuso requested that his application for a retail liquor store license at 1st and Main Street be brought up again for consideration. It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Wright that this application be advertised for hearing on January 2nd, 1958. Motion carried.

ORD. 1027 -- APPROPRIATIONS 1958. The following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1958 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1958. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Strnad that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried. It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Colescott that this ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

The Ordinance was then read, and upon motion of Councilman Strnad and seconded by Councilman Harper was passed, adopted, numbered 1027 and ordered published.

COUNCILMAN ORR arrived at the meeting at this time. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

ORD. 1028 -- ZONING LOTS 1 & 4 BLK 1 FAIRMOUNT SUDV. The Proof of Publication to the proposed ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 83 OF THE 1953 COMPILED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, AND THE ZONING MAP INCLUDED THEREIN was presented and read. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Shults that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Colescott and seconded by Councilman Strnad that the Ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried. The Ordinance was then read and upon motion of Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Strnad was passed, adopted, numbered 1028 and ordered published. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

PROP. ORD. REFUSE COLLECTION. The Proof of Publication to the following entitled proposed ordinance was presented and read: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL SERVICE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ALL GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND ASHES ACCUMULATED IN THE CITY; SETTING FORTH THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SANITATION; PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS FOR THE STORAGE AND COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND ASHES; PROVIDING FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF SANITARY CONDITIONS ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PREMISES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION BY THE CITY OF FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND ASHES; AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF ITS PROVISIONS. It was moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Proof of Publication be accepted and filed. Motion carried.

It was then moved by Councilman Strnad and seconded by Councilman Shults that the ordinance be called up for final passage. Motion carried.

Discussion was then had on the matter of charging for the collection of trash and garbage. Several people in the audience protested the method of charging for this collection service stating that it would cost them more money to have their trash and garbage hauled under the new plan than it would have if the City had continued under the plan of a tax levy for this service.

Several of the Councilmen explained that they were trying to improve the service, and the necessity of purchasing new equipment and getting the plan underway would be more expensive the first year. Several protested the method of charging by the house unit rather than by the number of people in a home stating that it made a hardship on people who might have two units but only three or four people in the two units as compared with a single family dwelling where there might be a large family and a coal furnace.

It was finally moved by Councilman Strnad and seconded by Councilman Colescott that final passage of this ordinance be delayed until the next meeting when City Manager Cheever is back in town and he and the City Attorney can clear up several matters in question in this ordinance. Motion carried.

ZONING LOTS 1/16 BLK Q OF KEITHS ADDN. A petition for the changing of zoning of Lots 1 to 16 in Block Q of Keiths Addition from Residence "C" to Business "A" was presented having been approved by the Planning Commission. It was then moved by Councilman Shults and seconded by Councilman Strnad that this matter be set for hearing on January 2, 1958. Motion carried.

RESOL. SALE OF PROPERTY TO VANLANDINGHAM. The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Junction is the owner of the following described property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point 21 feet East of the Northwest corner of Lot 13 in Block 5, Joseph A. K. Crawford and Thomas B. Crawford's Subdivision to the City of Grand Junction; thence East 104 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 13; thence South along the East lot lines of lots 4--13, both inclusive, in said Block 5, 241.5 feet; thence Northwesterly to the point of beginning, Mesa County, Colorado,

which said lots are not being used or held for park or governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, James Vanlandingham and Wilma L. Vanlandingham have offered to purchase said lots for the sum of Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, which is a fair and equitable price for said lots;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

That the City Manager, R. E. Cheever, on behalf of the City, and as the act of the City, execute and deliver to James Vanlandingham and Wilma L. Vanlandingham a Warranty Deed, conveying said lots to the said James Vanlandingham and Wilma L. Vanlandingham, and deliver the same to them upon receipt of the sum of \$500.00.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 1957.

President of the Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Strnad that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

RESOL. COUCHYTE PROPERTY. The following Resolution was presented and read:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the City of Grand Junction is the owner of Lots 41, 42 and 43 in Block 3 of Joseph A. K. Crawford and Thomas B. Crawford's Subdivision to the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Colorado, which said lots are not being used or held for park or governmental purposes; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Couckhuyte is desirous of purchasing said lots for \$500.00 together with the house at 518 Ute Avenue, which will be moved onto said lots, also for \$500.00; and

WHEREAS, the City Council feels that the monies offered are good prices for the lots and house,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the offer of Oscar Couckhuyte be and the same is hereby accepted by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction.

2. That, upon receipt of \$1,000.00, R. E. Cheever, the City Manager, be authorized, on behalf of the City and as the act of the City, to execute a Warranty Deed to Oscar Couckhuyte, or to whom he may direct, conveying the City's interest in said lots, and such documents as are necessary to convey the City's interest in said house.

Passed and adopted this 4th day of December, 1957.

President of the City Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Strnad that the Resolution be passed and adopted as read. Roll was called on the motion with all members of the Council voting "AYE." The President declared the motion carried.

CIVIC AUDITORIUM. Mr. Thorson presented a plan for cutting openings in the back of the civic auditorium for projection booths so that the Foreign Film Club will get better viewing. They will provide the money to do this work and will take care of the construction and costs. It was moved by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Orr that this permission be granted when they have received approval of the Building Inspector. Motion carried.

MOTEL LICENSES. (a) Ira G. and Thelma L. Carpenter presented an application for a license to operate the Pioneer Lodge, 124 North Ave., and

(b) Homer and Mary Bell, Helen A. John and Essie B. Evans requested a license to operate the Parkview Motel at 1430 North Ave. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Strnad that these licenses be granted. Motion carried.

AUDIT & ACCOUNTING SYSTEM. The following report was made by Councilmen Strnad and Wright, who had been appointed a Committee to investigate the auditing procedure for the City of Grand Junction:

Report to City Council on Auditing and Accounting Procedures

It should first be stated in this report that the competence and integrity of the city employees are beyond question, and we are not criticizing the type of audit report furnished the city by Mr. Regan and his staff. Under the present system of accounting, we have an extremely efficient organization and certainly a well presented audit report.

However, while efficiency can be kept at a high level even with antiquated systems and procedures, there comes a time when such systems and procedures need revision. It is with this in mind that this report is presented.

If the City Council and City Manager feel that now is the time to make a change in accounting systems and procedures, and your committee feels that it is, we would deem it advisable that the auditor outline in his audit report comments for the year ending December 31, 1957, a system for internal controls and details of all the books of accounts, including subsidiary records and supporting documents, telling us how to coordinate such a system, if we should go into Machine Bookkeeping, and an estimate of costs to start such a system. This must be done at this time in order to enable our City Manager to incorporate this in his preparations of a budget during the fall of 1958. The earliest date for any changes would be during the year of 1959.

With these changes in mind consideration should be given to the cost of this service and also to the auditor who might undertake the change-over. A change in any system will necessitate a good many hours of supervision, therefore, it will be imperative that whoever so selected for this work should be staffed accordingly.

Whomever the City Council will choose as the independent accountant should be requested to submit a written proposal covering the audit to be made, as well as the survey to be considered. An estimate of the cost or a maximum fee can be properly included in the audit proposal. This proposal should be in the hands of the City Manager not later than our meeting on December 18th, at which time we could vote upon the acceptance of the proposal and allow the accountant to start work on cash balances as of January 1, 1958.

It was moved by Councilman Orr and seconded by Councilman Wright that the firm of Dalby & McNulty be requested to submit a proposal for a general audit of the books of the City of Grand Junction and to make a survey on the accounting system; the audit to be made not later than July 1, 1958; if they are not interested in this project, to immediately inform Messrs. Strnad and Wright so that they can confer with someone else; this proposal to be submitted to the Council on December 18, 1957. Motion carried.

PARKING METERS. It was moved by Councilman Harper and seconded by Councilman Colescott that the Chief of Police, City Manager and City Attorney make a study of the fees charged on parking meters and make a report to the Council on whether it would be well to charge more for Main Street parking and less for fringe area parking than is being done at the present time. Motion carried.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the meeting adjourn.

/s/ Helen C. Tomlinson

City Clerk